



**Sterne Kessler
Goldstein Fox**
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David R.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Leonard
Troy Gene G. Durkin
Michael A. Cambala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokol
Eric C. Scharf
Michael Q. Lee
John M. Covert
Robert C. Millington
Donald J. Featherstone
Tiffany J. Shea, Jr.
Michael V. Messenger
Justin V. Kim
Jeffrey I. Helevy
Ekman L. Elson
Donald R. Sanowitz
Peter A. Jackson
Brian J. Del Buono
Mark Fox Evans

Elizabeth J. Hannes
Michael D. Specht
Kevin W. McCabe
Glen J. Perry
Theodore A. Wood
Gabby L. Longworth
Edward W. Yee
Grant E. Rerel
Jason D. Eisenberg
Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Weiger
Lukenne M. DeSantis
Jelene C. Carbone
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Lori A. Gordio
Shannon A. Carroll
Martha A. Holoubek
Michelle K. Schaller
Liz Zhou

W. Blake Eglowitz
James J. Pohl
John I. Haran
Mark W. Rydell
Michael R. Kozick
Carla J. Han Kim
Dorothy A. Siever
Ulrich Winkler Jenks
Paul A. Calvo
C. Matthew Reizer
Rancoll E. Baldwin
Lori M. Brandes
Jerrine M. Elias
Stephanie L. Eimer
Jeffrey K. Mills
Mina Muchenje
Scott M. Woodhouse
Peter A. Scovese
Christian A. Camarce
Richard D. Celler
Patrick P. Hansen
Ross G. Hicks

Kaisha Hylton-Rodic
Gema A. Lang
Bonnie Nantenga-Combs
Alissa K. Sandbrintz
Jonathan M. Smith
John P. Wiereloon
Chenghua Luo
Salvador M. Bezos
Bruce B. Vance
Justin E. Shur
Byron L. Fickard
Kellie K. D'Napoli
Richard B. Almont
Christopher B. Fieguc
Jeffrey R. Fougere
William P. Ladd
Registered Patent Agents
Karen A. Markowicz
Danielle L. Lutting
Steven C. Oppenheimer
Aaron S. Lukas

Gaurav Asthana
Yasser Mourada
Julie L. Blum
Cynthia J. DeFenno
Smar J. Arora
Ralph W. Powers
Erik C. Wingo
Joseph E. Mouchelhaus
Kavin Nasabouath
Aaron S. Ward
Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Christopher F. Wrist
David C. Jackson

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice limited to
Federal Agencies

May 4, 2009

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8643
INTERNET ADDRESS:
JHARAN@SKGF.COM

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 3625

Attn: Mail Stop RCE

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/632,799; Filing Date: August 4, 2003
For: **Optimized Auction Commodity Distribution System, Method, and
Computer Program Product**
Inventors: CHENG *et al.*
Our Ref: 2140.0020001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,472.00 to cover:
\$810.00 Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
\$532.00 Excess claim fees;
\$130.00 Extension of time fee within first month;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; and
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

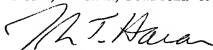
In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
May 4, 2009
Page 2

Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



John T. Haran
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 58,010

DRB/JHH/hmb
Enclosures

974569_1.DOC